

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO DEPUTY SHERIFF JAMES HUNT

HON. MIKE MCINTYRE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 27, 2000

Mr. MCINTYRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today I pay tribute to Deputy Sheriff James Hunt of my home county—Robeson County—in the great state of North Carolina. Deputy Hunt was recently named National Deputy Sheriff of the Year. Deputy Hunt is the first North Carolinian to receive this award and was chosen from among thousands of applicants. He proudly serves under the outstanding leadership of my friend and my sheriff, Sheriff Glenn Maynor. On September 23, 1998, Hunt was monitoring traffic on Interstate 95 with two other officers. After clocking a car at excessive speed, Deputy Hunt and others chased the vehicle several miles until it stopped. Upon this, one of the officers proceeded to get in the vehicle and a scuffle ensued. Deputy Hunt then ran to the car and pulled the suspect out of the car. At that time, the suspect proceeded to stick a .357 Magnum into Deputy Hunt's chest and pulled the trigger. This bullet proceeded through Hunt and struck one of his colleagues in the thigh. Seconds later, another shot went into Deputy Hunt's chest. At that time, Hunt fell to the ground and crawled to cover his colleague who had been wounded. The suspect was then apprehended.

Fighting for his life every second of the way, Deputy Hunt was taken to the local hospital where he underwent surgery for four hours. After staying in the hospital for three weeks and losing half of his colon and six feet of his small intestines, Deputy Hunt returned home to be with his wife, Lisa.

Mr. Speaker, after such an ordeal, most folks in this situation would probably look for another career or desk job. But not Deputy Sheriff James Hunt. He now works the same beat as he did on that night of September 23, 1998.

President John F. Kennedy once said, "For those to whom much is given, much is required. And when at some future date when history judges us, recording whether in our brief span of service we fulfilled our responsibilities to the state, our success or failure, in whatever office we hold, will be measured by the answers to four questions: First, were we truly men of courage . . . Second, were we truly men of judgment . . . Third, were we truly men of integrity . . . Finally, were we truly men of dedication?"

Robeson County Sheriff Deputy James Hunt will truthfully be able to answer each of these questions in the affirmative! He is indeed a man of courage, judgment, integrity, and dedication. Deputy Hunt, may God's strength, joy, and peace be with you and your family as you continue your service and commitment to your fellow citizens.

IN MEMORY OF MY PERSONAL FRIEND—PATRICIA KRONGARD

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 28, 2000

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I now rise to honor the life and memory of an outstanding American, my friend Patricia Krongard. Sadly, Pat succumbed to lung disease earlier this month after a prolonged medical battle. As family and friends mourn her passing, I would like to pay tribute to this beloved wife, mother and friend. She was a great American who will be missed by many. Even so, her life was a remarkable one that is most deserving of both the recognition and praise of this body.

Since her birth in 1940, Pat has been a fixture of the Baltimore community. Along with her late husband Buzzy Krongard—who amongst other things once served as a counselor to the director of the Central Intelligence Agency—Pat gave generously of her time and energies to the Baltimore community. Her service included founding the Mounted Patrol Foundation to support the mounted patrol of the Baltimore Police Department, organizing the Peabody Institute's springtime fair, serving on the Advisory Board of the State Juvenile Service Administration, and finally, working right up until the time of her death to create a Board of Visitors for the University of Maryland Hospital for Children. These, it turns out, are only a few of the many causes that Pat devoted herself to during her accomplished life. Still, each point to the underlying generosity that marked the life of this humanitarian.

In addition to her distinguished service to the Baltimore community, Pat was also a renowned photographer. Pat traveled around the world, from Afghanistan, Nepal, Russia and China, taking striking pictures of foreign places and people. According to a beautifully written obituary that recently ran in the Baltimore Sun, Pat's photographs "reflected a sympathetic curiosity, with a portfolio of portraits of law enforcement officers across the country and artists around the world." Many of her photographs were displayed at the Johns Hopkins Hospital. In addition, Pat worked closely by my side on the campaign trail on many occasions over the years, shooting an assortment of photographs of me and my family. In every case, her work was the highest quality. Pat's photographic skills brought her great distinction and were rightly a source of pride.

While her accomplishments as a photographer and humanitarian are many, Pat's lasting legacy rests in her family. Pat was the mother of two—Alexander Lion Krongard and Randall Harris Krongard—and the proud grandmother of two more. In her sons and grandchildren, Pat's love and generosity will unquestionably endure.

As you can see, Mr. Speaker, Pat was a beautiful human being who lived an accom-

plished life. Although friends and family are profoundly saddened by her premature passing, each can take solace in the wonderful life that she led.

I know I speak for everyone who knew Pat well when I say she will be greatly missed.

TRIBUTE TO COMMANDER JOHN C. SCORBY—HONORING HIM ON HIS CHANGE-OF-COMMAND

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Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege and an honor to have this opportunity to pay tribute to one of the Navy's most well-loved and admired skippers, Commander Jack Scorby, as he celebrates his Change-Of-Command. Commander Scorby has been the embodiment of service, success and sacrifice during his time as the Commanding Officer of Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron TWO. He clearly deserves the praise and recognition of this body as he, his officers and squadron celebrate his Change-Of-Command.

If ever there were a person who embodied the spirit and values that make America great, it is Commander Jack Scorby. The Commander has distinguished himself by his exceptional leadership and service to his country as the Commanding Officer of Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron TWO from July 1999 to July 2000. The Commander was responsible for the overseas-based reconnaissance squadron comprised of over 450 sailors and 8 aircraft. His squadron was placed on the tip of the spear, providing continuous deployed reconnaissance support to all our U.S. assets. In fact, his area of responsibility covered half the world.

Under his leadership, the VQ-2 flew over 4000 flight hours from sites supporting multiple operations. These include combat flights during Operations Allied Force and Northern Watch, as well as numerous flights during Operations Joint Guardian, Deliberate Forge and Joint Forge. Commander Scorby not only prepared the squadron to be ready to fly the next generation of reconnaissance planes, but also the Commander's forward-thinking game plan put the VQ-2 well-ahead of the power curve, ensuring no interruptions to the nation's reconnaissance support.

As a result of his compassionate and people-oriented leadership, the VQ-2 enlisted retention rate during his tour was 20% above the Navy standard and advancement was one of the highest, at 41%. The VQ-2 also received the top three awards that a command can receive during his command tour. They include: the Battle "E" for overall command excellence, the Golden Wrench Award for maintenance excellence and the Safety "S" for safety excellence. Perhaps one of the most telling effects about the Commander's leadership is how well-respected he is by his squadron; officers and enlisted personnel alike. At

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